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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, ... 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, ... 500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS,
Chairman—H. HOPPIUS, Esq.
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Manager,
Shanghai, ... EWEN CAMBON, Esq.
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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 , " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 , " 5 per cent. " "

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Manager
Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

FRIDAY.

the 27th April, 1877, at Noon,—
Oilman's STORES.—Pickles, Salad Oil, Jams, Jellies, Raisins, Cheese, Biscuits, &c.

Cotton Socks, and Stockings, Silk Umbrellas, Electro-plated Tea Sets, Table Cutlery, Paint Boxes, Pencils, &c.

45 pieces Gilt Mouldings.
10 cases Courvoisier's Brandy.

500 Japanese Fan Knives.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, April 24, 1877. ap27

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (if not previously disposed of by Private Contract), on

TUESDAY,

the 8th day of May, 1877, at Noon, at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

All that PLECE or PARCEL of GROUND, Situate at Sow-Kel-Way, and Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 128, and abutting on the North side on a Public Street, measuring thereon 31 feet.

On the South and West side on a Public Street, measuring thereon 125 feet.

On the South and East side on a Public Street, measuring thereon 200 feet.

On the North and West side on a Close (where a Plan for a Public Street is laid out) Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 124, measuring thereon 180 feet.

For further particulars, apply to the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer,
Hongkong, April 24, 1877. my25

Auctions.

POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HANDSOME ENGLISH & VENETIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OIL PAINTINGS, GLASS-WARE, PLATED-WARE, &c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from E. PEEL, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, (previous to his departure for Shanghai), on

MONDAY,

the 30th day of April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., (instead of on the day previously advertised), at his Residence, No. 1, Praya East,—

The whole of his HANDBOME ENGLISH and VENETIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

English-made Suite of Furniture, Covered with Green Damask.

Venetian Inlaid Blackwood Table and Chairs, Blackwood Carved Side Tables, Carpet, Heartthrone, Rep Window Curtains, &c., &c.

Richly Carved Oak Sideboard, Richly Carved Oak-Framed Pier Glass and Flower Stands, Dining Table, Buffet, Whatnots, and Dinner Trays.

Oil Paintings, Oil Cloth, and Clocks, Dinner and Dessert Sets, Glass-ware, Plated-ware, &c., &c.

Library Oak Book-case and Desks, Inlaid Blackwood Lady's Desk, Tables, Chairs, Easy Chairs, and Chess Table.

Brass Bedsteads, English-made Mahogany Marble-top Dressing Table and Washstand, Wardrobe, with Plate Glass Door, Cheval Glass, &c.

Gasoliers, Gas Brackets, Stair Carpet, with Brass Stair Rods, Marble-top Tables, Bronze Statuettes, &c.

Office Furniture, comprising:—Desks, Chairs, Paper Press, Copying Press, Fire-proof Safe, &c., &c.

One HOUSE BOAT and One SKIFF.

After which, at the Godown,—

10 Tons ARTIFICIAL MANURE, 1 SAW MILL, by FOREST & BARR, Engineers, Glasgow.

Also, 1 TURNING LATHE and various MACHINERY.

And, At the Yard of Messrs Inglis & Co.,—One 12-H.P. TWIN SCREW ENGINE.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on the day of Sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer,
Hongkong, April 11, 1877. ap30

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Opened a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI.

Mr. CARL KREIS has been admitted a Partner from This Date.

MELCHERS & CO.,
Hongkong, April 12, 1877. my12

NOTICE.

M. WILHELM CARL ENGEL-BRECHT von PUSTAU, Junior, and Mr. CONRAD MUNROE DONNER, have been admitted Partners in our Firm from the First of January, 1877.

WM. PUSTAU & CO.,
Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai.
Hongkong, April 18, 1877. my18

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as SHIPPING BROKER at this Port, under my own name.

W. H. SIEGFRIED,
Hongkong, April 20, 1877. my20

NOTICE.

M. R. EDWARD BUNNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my Office, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS,
Surveyor to Local Office,
and Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
2, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, March 17, 1877. my18

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. CRUICKSHANK,
Manager.
Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day Established a Branch of our Firm at SHANGHAI under the Management of Mr. ALFRED F. O. KRAUS, who will sign for us by Procuration.

CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Canton and Hongkong, April 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been appointed AGENT at HONGKONG and its vicinity for "THE BOSTON BOARD OF MARINE UNDERWRITERS," by Power of Attorney, dated Boston, U. S., 1st March, 1877.

T. G. LINSTEAD,
Hongkong, April 20, 1877.

Entertainment.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB OF HONGKONG.

THE MEMBERS of the above CLUB will give a Performance at the THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL,

MONDAY,
May 7th, 1877.

When will be presented a Farcical Comedy in Three-acts, by J. H. BYRON, Esq., ENTITLED

"NOT such a Fool as he looks."

Tickets may be obtained from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., on and after Monday, April 30th, and at the Doors on the Night of Performance.

Doors Open at 8.30, Performance to Commence at Nine o'clock punctually.

By kind permission of Colonel DICKINS and the Officers of H. M. 28th Regt., their Band will be in attendance.

CHAS. O. COHEN,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 25, 1877. my7

Intimations.

W. BALL,

CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER of DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

CUSTOMS' NOTIFICATION.

WENHOU,

April 2nd, 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given, that PREMISES situated outside the NORTH GATE of WEN-HOU CITY, were This Day OPENED for the transaction of Customs' Business.

H. E. HOBSON,
Commissioner of Customs.

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E. M. SMITH,
Manager.

April 23, 1877. my23

NOTICE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE.—GEORGE FRANK GRIFFITH, at present residing at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Master Mariner, having been adjudged BANKRUPT under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong in Bankruptcy, on the 18th day of April, A.D. 1877, is hereby required to surrender himself to Frederick SOWERBY HUFFMAN, Esquire, the Acting Registrar of the said Court, at the first meeting of the Creditors, to be held before the said Acting Registrar, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of May, A.D. 1877, at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon of that day precisely, at the said Court.

The said FREDERICK SOWERBY HUFFMAN, Esquire, is the Official Assignee, and the Undersigned are the Solicitors acting in the Bankruptcy.

A Public Sitting will hereafter be appointed by the said Court for the said Bankrupt to pass his final examination, and to make application for his discharge, of which notice will be given in the Hongkong Gazzette.

At the first Meeting of Creditors the Acting Registrar will receive the proofs of the Debts of Creditors, and the Creditors may choose an Assignee or Assignees of the Bankrupt's Estate and Effects.

Notice is also hereby given to all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, not to deliver the same, but to the Official Assignee.

Dated this 21st day of April, 1877.

SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON,
Solicitors of the Bankrupt,
Supreme Court House,

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MORRIS & RAY,
Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

FOR SALE.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the *INDUS* and *SLAM* from London, and *POONAH* from Calcutta, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 28th instant will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 22, 1877. ap27

GERMAN STEAMER *FERONIA*,
H. SCHULZ, Master, FROM HAMBURG
to SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary is given until Noon To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by W.M. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 20, 1877. ap27

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Glenagles*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned into their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary is given before 10 a.m. To-morrow, the 28th instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 20, 1877. ap27

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. *SINDH*.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Indus*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 11 o'clock To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Thursday the 28th Inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. du POUHEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 19, 1877.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

HENRIOT & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE,

Carte Blanche "Dry."

TH. ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE,

Carte Blanche.

JOHN DURAND & Co.'s CLARETS and

WHITE WINES.

STARTON & KENTISH'S PORTS and

SHERRIES.

MOULLON & Co.'s COGNACS, 1, 2, 3 Stars.

BLANCHY FRÈRES & Co.'s COGNACS.

JUSTUS LEMBKE & Co.

Hongkong, April 9, 1877. ap9

HONG LISTS.

Circular, large sheet.

THE AMENDED HONG LIST in English and Chinese, containing the Names of all the most important Companies, Institutions and Mercantile Houses in the Colony.

Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50 per dozen.

At the "China Mail" Office.

FOR SALE.

BY TENDER, the whole Stock-in-Trade of the TAKU TUG AND LIGHTER COMPANY, consisting of the following Steamers:—

Carrying Capacity.

Steam Tug & Lighter *Algiers*, 3,500 tons.

Pathfinder, 1,800 tons.

Steam Tug *Orphan*, 1,800 tons.

Little Orphan, 1,800 tons.

Tenders will receive immediate attention.

Apply to

TAKU TUG & LIGHTER Co.,

TAKU.

Hongkong, March 12, 1877. ap30

NOW READY.

WENZHOU & Co.'s THE RUBINETS OF NATURAL BOTANICS IN CHINA. By Dr. M. J. E. E. Second Edition. One Volume. \$10. Price, \$1.50.

BUDDEISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND PRACTICAL RELIGION, in three Lectures. By Dr. E. J. E. Second Edition. One Volume. \$10. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

Hongkong, July 31, 1877.

Intimations.

AH YON.

SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE,

No. 57, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS, OILMEN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain David Plumer.—Siemens & Co.

ROSIKA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. G. W. Hansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

ROSETTA MCNEIL, American barque, Captain Brown.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

ARGONAUT, British ship, Captain John Anderson.—Meyer & Co.

NYASSA, British ship, Captain W. S. Garrick.—Douglas Laptrick & Co.

CORINNE, British Barque, Captain Wm. Robertson.—Wieler & Co.

TULLOCHGORUM, British 3-m. schooner, Captain Mason.—Wieler & Co.

SWATOW AND SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "OLYMPIA."

W. NAGEL, Master, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 27th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 26, 1877. ap27

FOR NINGPO & SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "AMOY."

G. H. DRAVES, Master, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 27th instant, at 8 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1877. ap27

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "NAMOA."

Capt. Westroy, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 29th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAK & Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1877. ap29

FOR NEW YORK.

The A. American Ship "THOMAS LORD."

W. H. Hall, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch for Freight, apply to

Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1877.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs MELCHERS & Co. to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 19th of May next, at Noon, on the Premises, under a power contained in a Bill of Sale dated the 18th day of December, 1874, given by THOMAS THORNTON ANTHONY, and CARL HEINRICH EISBERT SEMMUND, lately carrying on Business in this Colony, as Shipowners and Strokers, under the Style or Firm of BROADBEAR, ANTHONY & Co.

All the STOCK-IN-TRADE, FURNITURE, and EFFECTS being in and upon the Premises No. 62, Praya Central, lately occupied by the said Firm of BROADBEAR, ANTHONY & Co.

Also,

THE GOODWILL of the said Business.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, April 26, 1877. my19

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 25, Peiho, German barque, 251, C. Christiansen, Bangkok April 14, Rice.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

April 26, Amoy, British steamer, from Canton.

April 26, Jan Peter, German barque, 386, Ewer, Bangkok March 24, Rice.

SIEMSEN & Co.

April 26, Deltic, British steamer, 1639, R. J. Brown, Liverpool March 11, via port of call, Penang April 16, and Singapore 20, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINS.

April 26, Gunga, French steamer, 707, Garneau, Bangkok April 19, Rice.—Onder.

April 26, Ching Ho, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.

April 26, Zamboanga, Spanish steamer, 681, Valentino, Bangkok April 19, Rice.—Ayon & Co.

April 26, Chinkiang, British steamer, 789, var, Shanghai April 21, and Swatow 28, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

April 26, Carl, German brig, from Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

Apr. 26, Dunlite, for Bangkok.

20, Carmen, for Manila.

28, Dogtag, for Coast Ports.

CLEARED.

State of Louisiana, for Amoy.

Kromprindse, for Tientsin.

Mary, for Singapore.

Per Gunga, from Bangkok.

Per Gunga, from New York.

Per Gunga, from Bangkok, 29 Chil.

PASSAGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Desvalliers, from Liverpool, Dr.

Ferguson, and 260 Chinese from Straits.

Per Gunga, from Bangkok, 4 Chinese.

Per Zamboanga, from Bangkok, 29 Chil.

gone.

PASSENGERS.

Per Chinkiang, from Shanghai and Swatow, 1 European deck and 30 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Douglas, for Foochow, Messrs Chambers and Oliver.

Per Danube, for Bangkok, 164 Chinese.

To DEPART.

Per Norsman, for Bangkok, 20 Chinese.

Per Amoy, for Shanghai, 91 Chinese.

Per Uziah, for Nicolojeffak, 3 European.

Per Mystic Belle, for New York, 1 European.

Per Bua Pan, for Bangkok, 4 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Spanish steamer Zamboanga reports:

previous occasions; without, I think, a single exception, we have made a mark of these things. In the case of Mr. Cairns especially, as he was seen being drawn slowly through the blazing streets in the dog-days, fanning himself violently. I never saw a man look so thoroughly unhappy; and he is reported to have afterwards said of his reception that on no previous occasion of his life had he ever endured so much misery in so short a time. It is clear that the quarantine regulations, which upset all the above arrangements and caused such general disappointment both to the governing and the governed, will soon be placed on a different and more satisfactory basis.

SLOWLY but surely are the inestimable blessings of Western civilisation overspreading this benighted country. Some weeks ago, as a party of foreign gentlemen were disporting themselves among the populous of Ichang, they fell in with a Chinese, who appeared to have just come from participating in some interesting or important celebration. A few remarks elicited the intelligence that the gay Chinaman had been paying his devotions in a temple of some fame in the neighbourhood, and his civil offer to show the strangers the way to it, as one of the lions of the place, was naturally accepted. The party soon arrived, and found themselves in a handsome building of the ordinary joss-house type; but what was their bewilderment at discovering, in the place of honour among the temple ornaments, two most impressive and suggestive pictures from a certain barbarian publication yeolet the *Day's Doings*, elaborately framed in beautifully carved wood! We are not aware whether the divinities therein portrayed were objects of worship among the frequenters of the temple, being of a particularly human type, and presenting a marked contrast, both in attitude and expression, to the decorous and rapt demeanour of the native deities. Penetrating further into the recesses of the sacred edifice, however, another and still more precious specimen of foreign art was brought to light; nothing less, indeed, than a photograph of an esteemed public functionary, not entirely unconnected with the Consular service of one of England's best allies,—sharing the devotion of an aged bonze with such venerable robes as the golden-finger, wisdom-tooth and alms-bowl of Buddha, or whatever may have been the special treasures of that particular establishment. The foreigners looked, and marvelled, and passed on.—*Shanghai Courier*.

Police Intelligence.

(Before James Russell, Esq.)

April 26, 1877.

IN WANT OF FUEL.

Chu Atai, a boatman, was charged with having gone into a house in Sui Wo Lane, Saitzyipoo, and stolen therefrom two bundles of firewood. A woman in the house, called out, and the defendant ran away. A Chinese Lokong stopped him and had a tussle with him. He threw the Lokong down on the ground, but the latter blew his whistle, and the defendant was arrested by a Water Policeman. The defendant, who simply denied the charge, was sent to one month's hard labour.

DRUNK.

David Giles, a seaman on board the *Glengairn*, was charged with being drunk in a Chinaman's shop. When Constable Gunda Singh went to turn him out, he became violent, so that it took four Constables to fetch him to the Station. Fined 50 cents.

LAJUNY OF OPIUM.

Ching Tsan Hoi, a fisherman, and his wife were again brought up to answer the charge of stealing a quantity of opium from a salt-junkman who came here to sell salt, and received in payment a quantity of opium. The opium was afterwards found in the defendant's boat, and the 2nd defendant said at the last hearing that the opium was brought on board by one Low Ape, a man who had come into the junk with the complainant. He was now arrested and placed at the bar to-day. He gave another name, but it was proved that he was the same man. The Magistrate said that the 1st defendant to two months' hard labour for receiving, and the 2nd to six months' hard labour, for stealing. The 2nd defendant, the wife of the 1st, was discharged.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.
(Before His Lordship Chief Justice Sir John SMALE.)

April 26, 1877.

ROBBERY AND WOUNDING.

The prisoner was indicted on three counts for robbing a piece of wood from the *Sands' Slip*, and wounding one Sheik Abdool, a watchman on the said premises, at about 12.30 a.m. on the 6th March last. The following Jury was empanelled:—Messrs. W. R. Loxley, J. Lemble, A. M. da Costa Pereira, A. F. dos Remedios, S. Babcock, E. A. Raved and J. G. Liddell. The facts were simply these. On the night of the 6th March, the watchman was on duty, at 12.30 a.m., or thereabout, at the *Slip*, when he saw a man coming from the bottom of the dock with a piece of timber. He collared him, but suddenly five men ran down from the hill and rescued the man. The watchman at once felt that he was cut. There were some dogs on the premises and they ran after the men and bit some of them. The wounds on the watchman were of a serious nature, one penetrating the left lung and barely escaping the heart. When an alarm was raised, the people on the premises were roused, and a rifle was fired off in the ship that was undergoing repairs in the *Slip*, but the men made their escape, leaving, however, a track of blood behind them. The watchman was removed to the Hospital, where he remained for 10 days, during the first few days of which period, he was in imminent danger of his life, but he ultimately recovered. The prisoner was subsequently found in Chinese territory, or very close to it. He was identified by the watchman as being the man whom he collared and threw, in the *Slip*, on the night of the 6th. He was able to identify him because he turned his bull's-eye light on him. The prisoner had also some wounds on his legs which

appeared to have been marks of bites from a dog, and these Dr. Ayres, the Colonial Surgeon, stated must have been recently inflicted, and with the exception of one could not have been caused by the scraping of a sharp stone. The prisoner, moreover, was picked out from among a line of men arranged in the Gaol.

Evidence was then called to support these facts, and the prisoner was found guilty of robbery and wounding.

He was sentenced to three years' penal servitude, and to three whippings of 25 strokes each time.

ROBBERY FROM A GRAVE.

Regina v. Chin Angou and another.

The prisoners were indicted for robbing a quantity of jewellery from the corpse of a woman, who had been recently buried.

It appears that the 2nd prisoner had made a statement to a Chinese Constable regarding the 1st prisoner having robbed a grave on the 1st March last. The enquiry was followed up by the Police and resulted in the discovery that a grave on Mount Davis had been desecrated, and the coffin put on the top of the lid, an aperture quite large enough to admit a hand to remove the ornaments from the head of the corpse having been found. The husband of the deceased woman was communicated with, and he identified some of the ornaments which had been recovered from a pawnshop.

In the house of the 1st prisoner there were found several iron instruments, such as a key that would have produced the aperture in the lid of the coffin. But it was possible that they might have been put there by some one.

After evidence was taken, his Lordship remarked to the Attorney General that the case against the 1st prisoner was weak. The Attorney General concurred in this opinion, and the 1st prisoner was not called upon to make his defence. The 2nd prisoner then made his statement, which was the same as that he had made before the Magistrate. The 2nd prisoner was originally produced by the Police as the approver against the 1st, but as the evidence turned against him stronger than against the 1st, he was therefore also charged and committed for trial.

The Jury returned a verdict of acquittal at the 1st, and of guilty against the 2nd prisoner. The latter was sent to three years' penal servitude. The 1st prisoner was ordered to be retained in custody till Saturday.

The Sessions were then adjourned till Saturday next at 10 a.m.

China.
Hoochow.
(Herald, April 10th.)

The Viceroy's family are expected to arrive from Canton daily—one of the Mamo Arsenal gunboats having been despatched for the purpose of conveying them to this port.

An occasional contributor to our columns has drawn attention to the exorbitant prices charged for provisions by houseboys and other native servants. It is very difficult, in the absence of any regular scale of bazaar prices, to say how the evil complained of is to be remedied.

We hear that the Chinese consignees of rice are keeping back large quantities of grain, doubtless with a view to "rigging" the market. Some of the importers seem very reluctant to bring forward their supplies, and it is said that the creeks, between the City and Pagoda Anchorage are full of grain-laden craft. This would appear to anger an imminent decline in the excessive rates alluded to in our last issue.

We are given to understand that the efforts of the Committee of the Foochow Rifle Club to recover the target that was stolen from their range at the beginning of last month have thus far been unsuccessful. They have also, we regret to learn, been unable to arrive at any satisfactory agreement with the owners of the land on which the target formerly stood. The Committee is not, however, without hope of ultimately obtaining suitable ground for a range.

The following subscriptions to the Shanghai Relief Fund have been received by the Agent of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank:—

Amount acknowledged last week \$272
Received since 12th inst.
Dr. Beaumont, 50
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Imperial Arsenal, Pagoda, 50
L. D. de Segonzac, Esq. 40
E. B. Drew, Esq. 50
W. K. Nicholson, Esq. 80
Thos. Fairhurst, Esq. 25

Total received up to date \$567

During one of the recent fires in the southern suburb a man was apprehended on the charge of stealing a female child, and being convicted of the crime was, in accordance with Chinese law, sentenced to die. Strange to say the authorities were unusually considerate in the matter, and gave their prisoner the option of death either by decapitation or starvation.

The condemned chose the latter mode of exit, and the cheerful spectacle of a human being enduring the slow torture of death by hunger was presented for the edification of the native populace throughout the greater part of last week. The condemned was conveyed in a large wooden cage, carefully guarded by his jailers, and exposed to public view near the Tea House on the main road to the City.

The exactions of Lekin officials are proverbial; but a story we heard some time ago against the capture by a band of these wretches of a foreigner's baggage, in the southern suburb of the city, cap-in shear-rascality—all our previous experience of what these men are capable of doing. The baggage in question was being conveyed through the Chinese streets when it was pounced upon by some Lekin soldiers, taken to one of the district offices and there retained despite the warm protestations of the foreigner's servants. Of course the matter was referred to the aggrieved person's Consul, and of course the foreigner failed to get any redress. If we are rightly informed that foreigner is *minus* his property to this day! Let it be borne in mind that this was a theft of an ordinary character—it was simply an "official squeeze!"

Wenchow.
April 1st, 1877.

I have only been here a few days, therefore it would be presumption on my part to attempt to give a description of the place. So far its impressions are favourable. The scenery is remarkably fine and the mountains remind one of Foochow; only they are not cultivated to such an extent. There are no less than five pagodas within a short

distance of the city, which are much higher, and in a better state of preservation than the one at Long-hwa.

I am afraid that business will be dull for some time, as the natives do not show much inclination to trade; though of course it is hard for me to judge at present what the country produces, or what it consumes. From the few junks that are now lying here, I should say that the carrying trade did not amount to much, and as the port opens late for this season's tea, the best part of the present year will be spent in holiday-making, by the settlers. At present we have only had one visitor, a merchant from Ningpo, who has come down to select a piece of land; but as the port opens late for

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